



## COUNCIL COMMUNIQUÉ – FEBRUARY 2008

Residents are reminded that the town will be holding a public consultation meeting regarding the new planning program on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the Town Hall. Copies of the draft program are available on the town website or may be viewed at the Town Hall.

The New Year is here but we again seem to be fighting the same old battles with the Agglomeration Council. On January 8<sup>th</sup>, council passed two resolutions as was our right under article 115 of An Act Respecting the Exercise of Certain Municipal Power in Certain Urban Agglomerations (R.S.Q., ch. E-20.001).

The first resolution was an official objection to the Agglomeration budget to which we had several main issues, namely:

- Certain expenses included in the 2008 Agglomeration Council budget are local in nature and should not be financed by agglomeration revenues but by local revenues (eg; the 311 service, local activities in buildings used for elite sport.)
- The Town of Baie d'Urfe receives its water from the Pointe Claire water treatment plant and it assumes, through the tariff imposed by Pointe Claire, all of the real costs relating to the supply of water by this plant, in proportion to its consumption. The inclusion of the debt and any real cost related to the supply of water in the agglomeration expenses create a double taxation for Baie d'Urfe.

The second resolution was an objection to the Agglomeration Council by-law regarding water meters. The Agglomeration Council drafted a loan by-law for \$300 M in order to proceed with a water meter installation project for industrial, commercial and institutional buildings (ICI). Some main points include:

- The installation of water meters on the territory of the Agglomeration Council will ultimately profit mainly the city of Montreal since several of the reconstituted cities already tax water consumption by meters. These meters were paid locally.
- The management of these new meters is difficult to foresee (reading, replacement, service to corporations, responsibility for the meter)

The full text of our resolutions can be found in council minutes available to all residents at the Town Hall or online on our website - [www.baie-durfe.qc.ca](http://www.baie-durfe.qc.ca).

### Skating Rinks

Due to the weather we have had another problem-riddled year with our skating rinks. We are still hopeful in salvaging our skating season.



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### Curling Activities

Please remember the free curling activities the town has continued from last year for adults, teens and children. Information is available at the curling club, town hall and online. Please phone the curling club to reserve your place.

### White Road Policy

You may have noticed that the Town has changed its policy regarding the application of road salt to our streets. In order to protect the environment road salt is only being applied after snow falls. This results in a white road policy. We intend to review this policy at the end.

Kim Millette  
Councillor